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*Agency of Human Services*

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Prescribers of naloxone

FROM: VT Department of Health

DATE: February, 2014

RE: Recommended formulation of naloxone suitable for public access/use

In 2013, the Vermont Legislature passed Act 75, which allows health care professionals acting in good faith to prescribe, dispense, and distribute an opioid antagonist to a person at risk of experiencing an opioid overdose or to a family member, friend, or other person in a position to help such a person, so long as the recipient of the opioid antagonist has completed a prevention and treatment training program approved by the Department of Health. Unless acting recklessly, with gross negligence or intentional misconduct, a health professional who prescribes, dispenses, or distributes an opioid antagonist under this section shall be immune from civil or criminal liability regardless of whether the opioid antagonist was administered by or to the person for whom it was provided. See 18 V.S.A. § 4240(c) for more details.

Similarly, a person who has received an opioid antagonist is free from civil or criminal liability for administering it to a person who he or she believes is experiencing an opioid-related overdose so long as the person does not act acting recklessly, with gross negligence or intentional misconduct. If medical assistance has not yet been sought, a person shall call emergency services after administering an opioid antagonist.

The Department of Health does not endorse any one manufacturer; however, the only currently available formulation of naloxone in a prefilled syringe acceptable for intranasal use is the **Naloxone HCL Inj., USP (1mg/mL) Luer-Jet Prefilled Syringe (NDC#76329-3369-1)**.

The nasal atomizer device (packaged and sold separately) will need to be attached to this syringe in order to administer the medication via the intranasal route. (Currently, there is a single manufacturer: **Teleflex MAD300/ LMA® MAD Nasal™ Intranasal Mucosal Atomization Device w/o Syringe**; \$5.69 each or \$142.25 for box of 25; these items do not yet have an NDC #.

**Naloxone HCl INJ., USP**